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Feast of the Holy Family



I would like to express my gratitude to all those who work so hard in so many ways to make our parish life enriching. May God bless your generosity. May you all have a wonderful, grace filled, happy and healthy New Year 2019.

Pope Francis on the Family — What Makes a Family Holy?

1. First: *the family prays.*

We need God... all of us! We need God's help, strength, blessing and God's forgiveness. And we need simplicity to pray as a family: simplicity is necessary! Praying the Our Father together, around the table, is not something extraordinary: it's easy. And praying the Rosary together, as a family, is very beautiful and a source of great strength! And also praying for one another! The husband for his wife, the wife for her husband, both together for their children, the children for their grandparents.... praying for each other. This is what it means to pray in the family and it is what makes the family strong: prayer.

2. Next, *the family keeps the faith.*

How do we keep our faith as a family? We all know that families, especially young families, are often "racing" from one place to another, with lots to do. But did you ever think that this "racing" could also be the race of faith? Christian families are missionary families. ...They are missionary in everyday life, in their doing everyday things, as they bring to everything the salt and the leaven of faith! Keeping the faith in families and bringing to everyday things the salt and the leaven of faith.

3. And finally: *the family experiences joy.*

Dear families, you know very well that the true joy which we experience in the family is not superficial; it does not come from material objects, from the fact that everything seems to be going well... True joy comes from a profound harmony between persons, something which we all feel in our hearts and which makes us experience the beauty of togetherness, of mutual support along life's journey. But the basis of this feeling of deep joy is the presence of God, the presence of God in the family and his love, which is welcoming, merciful, and respectful towards all. And above all, a love which is patient: patience is a virtue of God and he teaches us how to cultivate it in family life, how to be patient, and lovingly so, with each other. The family is the salt of the earth and the light of the world, it is the leaven of society as a whole.

Dear families, always live in faith and simplicity, like the Holy Family of Nazareth! The joy and peace of the Lord be always with you!

NEW ENVELOPES Please start using the new envelopes starting January 1, 2019. Please write your full information in the first two or three envelopes for tax receipts purposes. If you wish to consider Pre-authorized Giving, please talk to Fr. Francis. God bless your generosity.

2018 TAX RECEIPTS.....Last day of Offertory/Donations to be included in the 2018 Tax Receipts is **on Dec 30** Holy Family Sunday. All envelopes received on **December 31st and January 1st** will be considered for **2019 Offertory**. Please call the office if you wish to make adjustments for your 2018 tax receipts.

Possible New Year Resolutions...

- Join a parish ministry.
- Support your local parish financially.
- Reduce waste, reuse and recycle.
- Live a simple life (declutter, donate the things that you have not used for more than a year).
- Cook more at home... eat less outside.
- Support fair trade...
- Pray daily ...
- More gratitude... less complaints.
- Hear the cry of the poor... then do something.
- Know that you are loved... love and forgive.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Attention....

All Catholic Gentlemen over the age of 18. Did you know that your parish has a Knights of Columbus Council? Msgr. J.H. Ingoldsby Council 9079 serves St. Joseph, Holy Name and St. Ann parishes. See what the Knights is all about and the good works that we do for the parish, youth and the community. Visit us at www.kofc9079.com. For more information please fill out the 'contact us form' on the website.



MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, December 30

10:00am For the People of St. Joseph

Req. Alfredo Costa

Thanksgiving

Req. Linda Family

Monday, December 31

7:00 pm † Bridget Whelan

Req. Julia Ordoña

Tuesday, January 1

10:00am In honour of St Joseph and

Mary mother of God

Req. Alfredo Costa

Wednesday, January 2

7:00pm † Teodocia Perez

Req. Laura & Allan Selman

Thursday, January 3

9:00 am Christmas Weekday Mass

Friday, January 4

7:00pm †† Idalina & Augustine Oliveira

Req Domingos Oliveira

Saturday, January 5

5:00pm Christmas Weekday Mass

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